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In re Application of: )  
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Nobuo ISHII et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2821  
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Application No.: 10/693,912 ) Examiner: Don Kitsun WONG  
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Filed: October 28, 2003 )  
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For: SLOT ARRAY ANTENNA AND ) Confirmation No.: 3964  
PLASMA PROCESSING )  
APPARATUS )

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application  
as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are included in this paper.

**Amendments to the Abstract** are included in this paper beginning on page 22  
of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on  
page 23 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** are included in the attached replacement  
drawing sheets. The amendments are discussed in this paper beginning on page 27 of  
this paper and are also illustrated in the attached annotated drawing sheets.

**Remarks** follow the amendment sections of this paper.